



USDA/Cooperative Potato Inspection Program Fees
Effective January 1, 2020

SHIPPING POINT (GRADE) INSPECTION FEES

Seed Potatoes	12.0 cents/CWT
All Other Inspections	17.0 cents/CWT
Commodities other than potato	Hourly rate
Shipping Point Inspection, Hourly Charge	\$50 per hour

ADMINISTRATIVE AND MINIMUM FEES

Overtime Rate (in addition to SPI fee)	\$30.00 per hour
Positive Lot Identification Fee	\$15/Truck, \$25/Railcar
GHP/GAP Audit, Hourly Charge (USDA Rate, change annually)	\$115 per hour
Minimum Inspection Fee	\$30
Mileage Surcharge	State Rate (\$.58/mile)
Phytosanitary Certificate Fee	\$20
Travel Time Rate over 20 miles from designated point	\$50

Overtime: Weekdays (Monday through Friday), overtime is charged before 8:00 am. and after 5:00 pm. Overtime is charged on Saturday, Sunday and official state/federal holidays.

Mileage: A mileage charge will be assessed on inspections performed over 20 road miles from a designated shipping point. For purposes of this policy, designated shipping points are the hometown of each full-time inspector (currently; Grafton, Walhalla, Minto, Hoople, Cando, Fargo). *Mileage charge rate is subject to change by OMB action.*

Shipping point inspections will be billed for mileage and travel time in excess of 40 round trip miles from the nearest shipping point at the current state reimbursement rate for each trip to a shipping point site.

Commodities other than potato will be billed at USDA specified hourly rates due to the specialized nature of the inspection.

Note: USDA will assess a separate charge of **\$115/hour** (minimum 2 hour charge) for internal review of all GHP/GAP and Harmonized audits. An additional \$250 GFSI certification fee will be assessed by USDA for Harmonized GAP Plus audits.

"To assure integrity of the seed industry through a commitment to client service and product quality."